

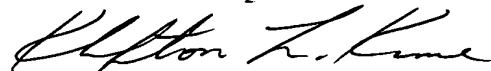
**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 and title are amended and claims 3 and 4 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are pending in this application. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, favorable examination of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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